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INVESTIGATING CARTER COUNTY

Seventeen Arrested After Triple Killing. Governor Denies Request For Establishment of Martial Law

During the past week, things happened in rapid succession at Ardmore and Carter county, following the mysterious killing of three men Thursday at Wilson and the finding of the dead and mutilated body of an Ardmore policeman in a pasture Friday morning.

In all seventeen people have been arrested on charges of complicity in the triple killing, including a minister, a doctor and other prominent people. Excitement ran high in Ardmore Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and the tension was somewhat relaxed Wednesday by the release on bond of five of the accused. Early this week a large committee of Ardmore citizens went to see Governor Robertson, and asserted that lawlessness in Ardmore and Carter county had not only gotten beyond the civil authorities but they even charged that county officers were literally in league with crime and had no intention of enforcing the laws at all. The Governor was requested by this committee to declare martial law in Carter county and to call out several militia companies, but he refused.

Talk of ouster proceedings against Sheriff Buck Garrett and others has been rife during the week.

Attorney General Prince Freeling is now at Ardmore and is in personal charge of an investigation of lawlessness there. Just what the out-

KILLED A BOB CAT ON SMITH-LEE RANCH

Who said we didn't have real wild animals in Bryan county. Dr. J. B. Smith was exhibiting in town this week the fore foot of a gigantic "bob" cat, killed on the Smith-Lee ranch below Wade. The animal was caught in a large steel trap which had been set by A. J. James on the farm, when he was shot. There are supposed to be quite a number on the place. Dr. Smith says he heard one scream several times during one night recently when he was hunting on the place.

COCHRAN ELECTED HEAD OF DURANT LIONS CLUB

At the noon luncheon of the Lions club Monday, C. B. Cochran was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Cochran has been a member of the club since its organization and has been one of the factors in the advancement of the club, and the honor was worthily bestowed.

J. B. Raines and P. E. Laird were elected vice-presidents of the club, with E. M. Haggard as secretary-treasurer. The officers will be inducted into office the first Monday in January.

come may be uncertain.

There seems to be a general feeling of disgust among the better citizens there, and a feeling that the community is without the needed police protection. Had the more radical ones had their way there this week, it is not improbable that big scale rioting might have resulted.



KU KLUX KLAN SENDS MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Ku Klux Klan chapter of Durant has been heard from again this week, this time in a substantial way, for the organization donated one hundred dollars to local Christmas activity work.

Editor Bob Story of the Daily Democrat, who has been sponsoring the annual Good Fellows movement, which seeks to bring Christmas cheer to those who cannot furnish it for themselves, received Wednesday a letter from the Klan. In it were two fifty-dollar bills, and the request that one of them be given to the Good fellows and other to the Community Chest being gotten up by local societies for general charity work.

The last paragraph of the letter accompanying the money, reads as follows:

We stand for the relief of distressed humanity, the protection of pure womanhood, and pure Americanism and though each Klansman has contributed to these worthy causes we feel that we can give this at this time to bring cheer and happiness into the hearts of the unfortunates of our fair little city, and do a great service to humanity.

Accept it with the best wishes of Durant Klan, No. 42, for a Merry Christmas to the deserving of Durant Durant Chapter No. 42.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, by Order of the Eminent Cyclops.

STORES WILL BE OPEN NIGHTS TILL CHRISTMAS

According to a canvass made by the Chamber of Commerce, practically all the stores in Durant, selling Christmas goods, will be open nights until Christmas.

This is done in order that folks may have an opportunity to shop after supper, a great convenience and one appreciated by lots of people, especially those who have to work during the day.

The merchants also ask that the town people shop as early this week as possible and as early in the day as possible, or after supper nights that they may get better service and better choice of goods. There usually a rush of out-of-town shoppers in the afternoons and doing this will help.

OIL TEST BEING MADE IN ATOKA COUNTY

Atoka, Okla., Dec. 21.—Thad W. Ward and Associates of Quincy, Illinois, have spudded in their Well No. 1 on the Butler-Wylie-Rainey farm in the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Atoka County.

These parties have 2,000 acres of oil and gas lease which cover most of the Segregated Coal land in Atoka County, lying adjacent to the Lehigh-Midway Coal mines. This is the first well ever drilled in this part of Atoka County and will naturally be watched with a great deal of interest by the oil fraternity.

SOME BOLD THEFT

The petty thieves are getting exceedingly bold in these parts for they have the gall to steal goods out of automobiles parked in the business section of the city during business hours. Monday J. L. Whitworth drove in from Wade in his automobile. He had brought with him a hat which a lady at Wade had bought at a local store, as the lady desired to exchange it for another, and Mr. Whitworth acted as her agent in the matter. He parked his car on Main street near First avenue, and while he ate his lunch someone stole the lady's hat out of his car.

INSTALL PHONES IN THE NORMAL ADDITION

The fight, started by the Chamber of Commerce last summer to secure adequate telephone service for the citizens of Durant, is now showing results in the fact that the Telephone Company is installing telephones in the Normal Addition.

When appeals to the Company failed to get adequate service for our citizens, the Chamber filed a complaint with the Corporation Commission and on a representation made by McPherrin & Cochran, attorneys for the Chamber, the Corporation ordered telephones installed in the Normal Addition and ordered the Telephone Company to report in regard to the cost of installing other facilities. The telephones now being installed are a result of this order and it is hoped to secure telephones in other parts of the city where they are needed.

The Company has now filed a complaint with the Corporation Commission asking for increased rates and a hearing in the matter will be held in the State Capital Building on next Tuesday, December 29. The City will be represented by City Attorney John A. MacDonald and the Chamber by C. B. Cochran, of the firm of McPherrin & Cochran.

FRIENDSHIP BANQUET GIVEN THE DRS. COLWICK

Tuesday night of this week, at the Atwood, was given a Friendship banquet in honor of Drs. O. J. and Jas. T. Colwick of this city, attended by about one-hundred of their friends in the city and wives, making the total attendance something like two-hundred. The affair was in the nature of a surprise to the guests, they knowing nothing of the plans, until they and their wives were ushered into the dining room and found their friends already seated at tables.

The affair was gotten up to show appreciation for the work and accomplishments of the guests since they have been residents of Durant. A nice program was rendered, including several speeches.

COUNTY'S CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL A BIG SUCCESS

Bryan county's only consolidated school is making wonderful progress according to a report made by County Superintendent Cunningham. In this report Mr. Cunningham says:

"I might state that our only consolidated school is running nicely with more than 200 in school every day. The enumeration this year is 275; enrollment, 247; average daily attendance, 201; 23 in High School; monthly salary, \$535. Last year the reports from the districts comprising the Consolidated school enumerated 252; enrolled 135, and comprising the daily attendance for the month ending before Christmas was 106 with none in the High School. The monthly salary last year was \$550."

WARMACK NEW MASTER OF LOCAL MASONIC LODGE

The Durant Masonic Lodge room was crowded to capacity last Thursday night on which occasion the annual election of officers was held, and when Wallace M. Warmack, past year Senior Warden of the lodge was elevated to the post of Worshipful Master. Robert Malahy was promoted from Junior to Senior Warden and Tom Nesbitt was selected Junior Warden. Clyde Scott, secretary and Sam Stone, Treasurer, were both re-elected.

Dr. J. H. Kay has returned to Nashville, where he takes special work in the hospital at Vanderbilt University for some six months. He expects to return within a year.

FOUR BOUND OVER ON AUTO THEFT CHARGES

Four men, charged with complicity in the theft of three automobiles stolen from Durant, were bound over after preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace W. S. Archibald Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Chas. Mulky and Claud Cranfield were held for the theft of Noble Bennett's Ford, Roy Rorie and Edwin Glass were held for the theft of C. G. Johnson's car, and Claud Cranfield was held on a second count for the theft of H. S. Connell's car, stolen last August. The bonds of Rorie, Mulky and Glass were set at \$2,000 and Cranfield with two cases against him is held under two bonds of \$2,000 each.

ACHILLE MASONIC LODGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The regular annual election in the Masonic lodge at Achille occurred last Wednesday night of last week. The following officers were elected: A. W. Barnett, W. M.; J. M. McPherson, S. W.; A. W. Lemon, J. W. Henry C. Seagraves, S. D.; W. M. Moffitt, J. D.; H. W. Klostermann, Sec'y; W. F. Potts, Treasurer; J. C. Bain, Tyler.

MARSHALL COUNTY SUSPENDS DIPPING INDEFINITELY

A recent ruling of the County Commissioners provides that dipping in Marshall county shall be dispensed with, for the present. This is because funds for the purpose have been exhausted and the county is unable to finance the winter dipping.—Kingston Messenger.

RAISING FUNDS FOR WAR CHEST

Committee Raising \$5,000 For Year's Work of Charities, Public Health Nurse, Red Cross And Soldiers Relief

The local Community Chest plan is going over big according to reports of committees that started the work of getting pledges Wednesday, and there now remains no doubt that the needed \$5,000 will be easily subscribed.

The so called Community Chest plan includes the raising of funds needed for the year's activities of the United Charities Association, Soldier's Relief, Public Health Nursing and the American Red Cross. The estimated needed amount is \$5,000. Committees are securing signed pledges, calling for the payment of so much money, payable in twelve equal monthly payments.

During times such as we have passed through and are now passing through, the demands made of Charitable institutions are greater than ever and the need of funds is therefore more pressing than in the flush times that are now history. That the people of the city realize this is evidenced by the liberality of donations.

NEW INDIAN FIELD CLERK

A. L. Erwin of Poteau has been selected as Indian Field Clerk with offices in Durant, succeeding former Clerk Ben F. McCurtain, resigned. Mr. Erwin has been clerk at Poteau but that office has been discontinued. Mr. Butler, of Sapulpa will be assistant in the office.

THE NEW YEAR

The new year is almost here and the most of us have tried to figure out just what it will mean to us in a business way. This, we find, is a hard problem. Two months since we all thought things were "going to the dogs" and it would be impossible to get along until Xmas. We were mistaken and everything has been better than we anticipated. We believe that one year from now we will wonder why we looked on the future as being so dark. Money, in the East, is easier than it has been and we feel it will find its way here to the man who hustles.

It will be our policy to go right along, hustling, giving the best service we can; to sell only dependable merchandise at the right prices and treat our customers as we would have them treat us. We believe in the New Year. We believe in our many customers and we believe in THE DIXIE STORE and RED HOGS—Come on New Year we are ready to work with you and make the most of it possible.

THE DIXIE STORE

Where up-town prices look extravagant

P. S. Our catalogues for the Bred Sow Sale are ready. We will be glad for all interested parties to have one. Get on our Red Hog mailing list.

—STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS—

GIFTS OF DISTINCTION

Useful Ideas Predominate

The Gift that will bring most joy and appreciation this Yuletide will be—

The Gift That is Needed

We have given much time and pains in selecting such things that are practical, dependable and can be used.

The Perfect Gift of Furs

Taking the advantage of the big decline in furs last week we had our furriers send us a nice selection of the new low prices, and have marked all others in proportion.

Wm. Jackman and Albrechts Furs are Well Known Guaranteed Furs

Choakers from	\$7.85 to \$39.50
Scarfs and Neckpieces	\$10.50 to \$85.00
Fur Coats from	\$65.00 to \$285.00
Children's Furs from	\$4.75 to \$14.00

Silks and Silk and Wool Hose

No woman has enough pretty hose, and nothing is as necessary to her good appearance.

Silk Hose, one or more in Holiday box, all well known brands from 98c to \$4.95

WOOL and SILK and WOOL HOSE in UNSHRINKABLE good fitting shapes, in the new Leather shades both ribbed and plain, \$1.50 to \$3.50

Purses, Bags and Leather Goods

Make lasting practical pleasing gifts in all the latest of colors and shapes \$1.85 to \$9.85

We Have Hundreds of Others

Like Kimonas, Bath and Lounging Robes, Corset Covers, Brassiers, Silk Underwear, Kid Gloves, Umbrellas, as well as many Household gifts like Linens, Blankets, Counterpanes, Table Runners and large number of practical things too numerous to try to mention here—

Come and let us show you the

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GOOD THINGS TO WEAR

Many things to give that are useful and dependable